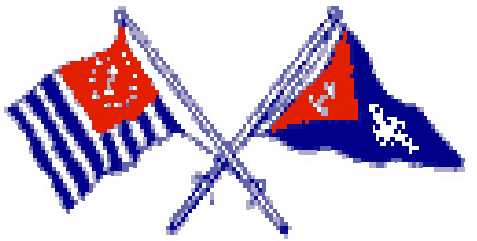




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CIPS New Bridge Officers 2002-2003



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P/C Daniel Perugini, SN; Lt/C Jerry Simotas, AP; Lt/C Peggy Morton, P

On Friday, 5 April 2002, CIPS Change of Watch was held at the Davenport Club in New Rochelle, NY. One Hundred and Twenty-Six (126) CIPS members, friends, and family members attended our spectacular Dinner Dance. D/C David Drummond, SN conducted the Installation of our New Bridge and all in attendance had a wonderful time celebrating this key squadron event.

The evening began at 1930 with Cocktails & Hors D'Oeuvres and at 2030 we entered the main dining area that boasted a red white and blue décor selected by our new Cdr. Chris DeStefano, AP. All in attendance had a wonderful time dancing to the music of *City Lights*. P/C James Duffy, AP was our emcee for the evening and in expert fashion, he kept us on a steady course throughout the evening.

Chris's chosen theme of *IMAGINE* reflects his hope for an exciting and creative year of boating and social activities for our Squadron. Congratulations and good luck to the Commander and his Bridge!

Commander's Message YEAR IN REVIEW



Our boats have finally been launched. Muscle aches - from muscles we never knew we had - mysteriously disappear. Welcome to another boating season!

As we usher in another year of boating activity, let us apply the knowledge we have gained and enjoy a safe, fun-filled season. Let us not forget that we are guardians of our waterways. I ask all of you to be observant and to be alert. Responsible boating is everyone's business.

Our CIPS calendar is filled with numerous events. What better way to strike your CIPS colors than to participate in our upcoming activities. On 9 June, we kick-off our season by sponsoring our Annual Blessing of the Fleet. You will be notified through the mail of all future events. I encourage all to get involved.

As your Commander, I am always available to serve YOU, the membership. Please feel free to contact me if I can assist in any way!

Sincerely,
- Cdr. Chris DeStefano

Heavenly Father, We humbly bow before Thee and ask to bless us with your presence as we gather here today. Give guidance to our leaders and bless our boaters on the waters this summer. We ask your presence among us today and give us light to know your will and keep us and our families always safe in your care. – 16 May
General Membership Meeting Invocation by P/C Henry DiMatteo

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Submit your personal on-the-water experiences to share with CIPS membership. Funniest – Most Embarrassing – Best Learning – Most Adventuresome – etc. These will be features in our September edition.

CIPS Squadron Calendar 2002 - 2003

All dates tentative & subject to change

June 5 Wednesday
D/4 Council Meeting
San Carlos, Lyndhurst, NJ

June 9 Sunday
Blessing of the Fleet
Fenton's Dock, City Island, NY

June 12 Wednesday
D/4 Educational Dept. Meeting
San Carlos, Lyndhurst, NJ

June 13 Thursday
Executive Board Meeting
Westchester Country Club, Bronx

June 20 Thursday
General Membership Meeting
City Island Yacht Club

July 13 Saturday
D/4 Picnic
Lighthouse Pt. Marina, Toms River, NJ

July 20 Saturday
Rain - June 21 Sunday
CIPS RAFT-UP
Pt. Washington, Plandome, NY

August 2-3 Fri - Sun
Tri District Rendezvous
Liberty Landing Marina, NJ



ATTENTION CIPS MEMBERS

**YOU are eligible for a
Boat U.S. Membership DISCOUNT**
Pay only \$9.50 for membership
(1/2 price of regular dues)
Includes \$50 in towing!

Mention: Group No. GA 82400P for discount

*Additional 10% discount on price of plan.
Use your USPS certificate number for this discount.*

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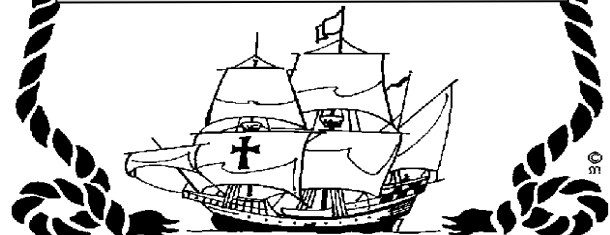
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Note: CIPS Newsletter and pictures are available in color online on our website as a .pdf file.



CHANGE OF WATCH INVOCATION

5 APRIL 2002

- Written and delivered by P/C Ed Shimansky, SN

*Lord, we turn to you in prayer for all the people
of these United States. We again place
ourselves in your care.*



*We ask you to make us more alive in your faith,
more generous in your love, and more trusting
in your hope.*



*Make us a people who cherish and defend the
dignity of every human person.*



*Free us from all selfishness and self interest that
we truly might be the builders of your kingdom*



*We ask you for your courage to become a people
who hunger for justice...
and who burn with compassion for those who
suffer in our midst.*



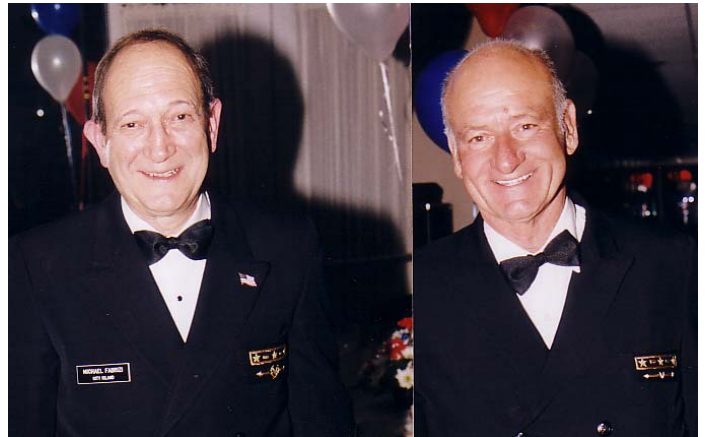
Help us to stand among the family of nations...



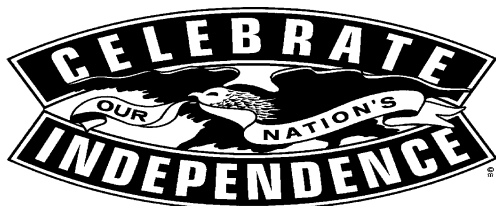
as a people of compassion, generosity and peace.



Make us a people of vision and courage...



*who will gift this world with new life and the
unity of mankind.
Amen*



CIPS HIGHLIGHTS

Many exciting activities took place during the months of March, April and May that allowed CIPS members to come together in the spirit of Fraternity, Civic Service and Education. Here are some highlights:

ANNUAL ELECTIONS OF NEW BRIDGE OFFICERS



**D/C DAVID DRUMMOND INSTALLS CIPS
NEW CDR. CHRISTOPHER DESTEFANO, AP**



**D/C David Drummond ushers out P/C Barbara
Mandarano and welcomes CIPS new Commander
Cdr. Chris DeStefano.**



**CDR. CHRIS BEGINS HIS WATCH
WITH A NEW WARDROBE**



INSTALLATION OF NEW BRIDGE & OFFICERS

- (L-R) Flag Officer 1st Lt. Charlie Palumbo**
 - Cdr. Chris DeStefano, AP**
 - Executive Officer - Lt/C Jeff Taylor, AP**
 - Educational Officer - P/C Danny Perugini, SN**
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 - Assistant Secretary – 1st Lt. Bob Luciano, P**
 - Assistant Treasurer – 1st Lt. Victor Hernandez, P**
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**OUR LARGEST PUBLIC BOATING CLASS EVER...
ON 29 APRIL, 65 STUDENTS COMPLETED THIS
COURSE AND WE WELCOMED 18 NEW MEMBERS TO
OUR SQUADRON**

CIPS CELEBRATES DOOR PRIZE AND 50/50 WINNERS AT MONTHLY MEETINGS



NEW MEMBERS ARE SWORN IN AT THE START OF EVERY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



THANKS TO MARY PERUGINI AND HER TEAM OF HELPERS



OUR "SNOWBIRDS" COME HOME TO ROOST. WELCOME BACK DENNIS GORMLEY, RICHARD KUNZE and MARION D& HENRY DEMATEO



P/C GARY MANDARANO SPEAKS TO US ON "THE DANGERS OF INLET NAVIGATION"



EDUCATION UPDATES:**“Safety Through Education”****SAFE BOATING COURSE:****Chairperson: P/C James Duffy, AP- 718.863.3588**

67 students registered for this course. We proudly report that 60 students took the exam on 29 April and all passed. We now have 18 new members. Jim thanks all those who generously gave of their time and talent to assist students successfully master the critical components of our safe boating course. Jim applauds those who volunteered their time to proctor and correct the final exam and enthusiastically assisted in processing new members into our organization. CIPS is in the lead within D/4 as the largest growing squadron. We are competing with another squadron in D/4 for the 2003 *Harvey Collins Award* that is awarded for the most new members with a merit mark in a two-year period and at least one advanced grade. Come On New Members ... we need your involvement to make us Winners! Contact anyone of our Education Instructors or Committee Chairs to learn how you can participate in learning and leading!

SEAMANSHIP:**Instructor: P/C Gary Mandarano, JN – 718.792.0897**

Congratulations to the 11 students who passed Seamanship: Jonathan Bednarz; Michal Bednarz; Vladimir Bibic; Sean Cahill; Lauren Goldstein; Sam Iquinto; Salvatore Scotti; Joseph Scotti; Michael Scotti; Nancy Ten Eyck; and Kathryn Weill.

PILOTING:**Instructor: 1st Lt Gary Bieniewicz, AP – 718.828.1972**

8 students took the Piloting Exam and are waiting for news of their passing grades. This course included an introduction to marine charts, aids to navigation, use of a mariner’s compass, dead reckoning, planning and plotting courses and taking bearings to determine on-the-water positions.

ADVANCED PILOTING:**Instructor: Lt Charles Palumbo, AP – 718.822.6073**

Contact Charlie if you are interested in taking AP.

Congratulations to our newest AP, 1st Lt. VICTOR HERNANDEZ, AP

JR. NAVIGATION:**Instructor: P/C Ed Shimansky, SN – 718.931.8373**

Students Susanna Taylor, Mercedes Hill, and Jeff Taylor meet regularly with Ed Shimansky as they continue their study of offshore navigation. The course is sailing along smoothly. Special Congratulations to Susanna and Jeff Taylor who recently purchased a new sailboat.

NAVIGATION:**Instructor: Lt Jack Palmer, SN**

Anyone interested, contact Dan Perugini @ 718.822.1284.

SAIL:**Instructor: Lt. Glenn Vitaglione, JN – 718.822.6058**

This course has 11 students who are expanding their basic knowledge of what every prudent skipper needs to know before leaving port. Final class sessions were held at the Morris Yacht Club. Our roving photographer saw first hand what fun “sailing study” can be with Captain Glenn.

**ENGINE MAINTENANCE (EM):****Instructor: P/C Danny Perugini, SN– 718.822.1284**

Congratulations to the following persons who have completed the Engine Maintenance Course and really know their stuff about engines and useful troubleshooting techniques: Michael Burgos; Susan Garcia; Heinz Laue; Barbara Mandarano and Gary Mandarano.

SQUADRON UPDATES**MEMBERSHIP:****Chairperson: Lt. Joe Siragusa, P- 718.885.1050**

Joe proudly reports that CIPS membership is growing rapidly. We have moved up from 10th to 3rd place in largest membership enrollment across District 4. Way to Go CIPS!!!

MEETINGS:**Chairperson: Lt. Joseph Siragusa, P – 914.835.3486**

Joe is presently working on securing guest speakers for our upcoming General Membership Meetings. If you have a “Hot Topic”, a suggestion, idea or interest – contact Joe. A big round of applause to P/C Danny Perugini who addressed our membership on “How to Prepare Your Boat for Springtime” & to P/C Gary Mandarano who shared the “Dangers of Inlet Navigation”.

BOATING ACTIVITIES:**Chairperson: Lt/C Jerry Simotas, AP – 718.885.3757**

Our on-the-water activities schedule will be forthcoming.

MEMBER INVOLVEMENT:**Chairperson: P/C Alice Vitaglione, P – 718.931.9029**

Need to order a CIPS name tag – contact Alice.

ENTERTAINMENT:**Chairperson: Lt Mary Perugini, AP – 718.822.1284**

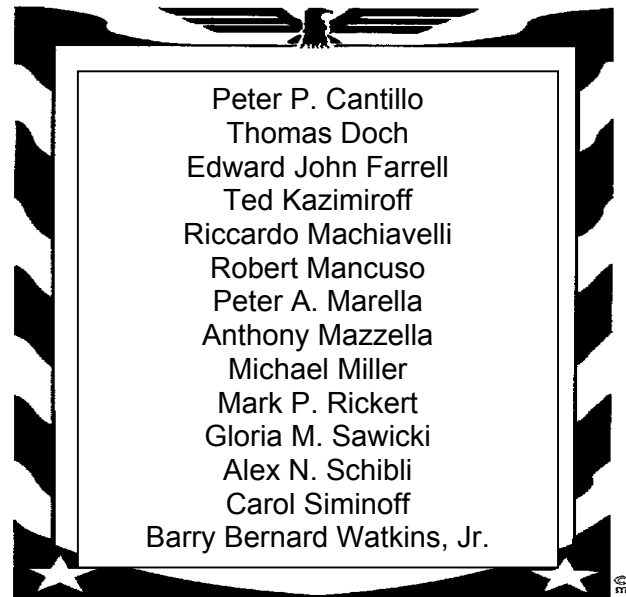
Information about CIPS social activities will be forthcoming.

TEST YOUR BOATING KNOWLEDGE

Following are the answers to the twenty questions that appeared in CIPS March 2002 Newsletter. Even if you are an experienced boater, you can improve your boating knowledge by enrolling in a Boating Education Courses.

1. NO. Gasoline fumes are heavier than air and can accumulate in the bilge.
2. NO. Sailboats overtaking a powerboat DO NOT have the right of way.
3. NO. The port running light is RED. The starboard running light is GREEN.
4. NO. If you face into the wind, you are facing WINDWARD. If you are facing away from the wind, you are facing LEEWARD.
5. NO. Powerboats should sound a BELL at anchor in a fog; a horn underway in a fog.
6. YES. Spring lines run from a vessel to a piling or fitting on a pier that prevents the boat from moving ahead or astern.
7. NO. This may cause the blood to be circulated to the core of the body, lowering its temperature even lower. This lessens the chance for survival.
8. YES. Nun buoys are usually RED and EVEN-NUMBERED.
9. YES. The Navigation Rules were written to prevent collision at sea.
10. YES. U.S. Coast Guard regulations require that recreational boats, including canoes and kayaks, have a USCG-approved life preserver on board for each person in the boat.
11. NO. A Lubber Line is the line on the compass bowl to read the vessel's heading from a compass card.
12. NO. True Course 270° is WEST. True Course 090° is EAST.
13. YES. Skippers are responsible for damage to persons or property caused by a vessel's wake.
14. YES. Numbers representing water depths are prominent and important features of coastal charts.
15. NO. Tide is the vertical movement of water. Current is the horizontal movement of water.
16. YES. Depths on nautical charts are usually shown in feet, meters or fathoms.
17. YES. White areas indicate deep water. Blue areas indicate shallow water.
18. YES. A compass bearing will establish a line of position that will help determine a vessel's approximate position.
19. YES. The longer the anchor line, the smaller the angle of pull, and the easier the anchor will dig in and hold.
20. YES. Refer to Education Updates and call the designated instructor for details and to sign up for a boating course.

WELCOME - NEW CIPS MEMBERS



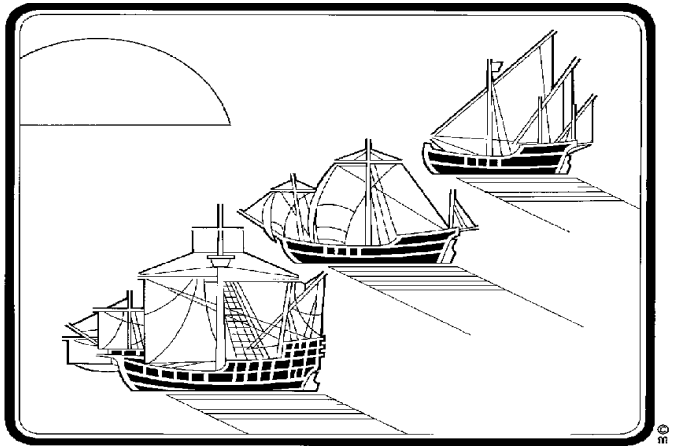
SAFETY ALERT

With the approach of Summer, the U.S. Coast Guard is alerting the public again of the dangers associated with "Teak/Drag Surfing". "This phenomenon is spreading across the country. It looks like fun, and that is the rub. The obvious thrill it offers is what makes it enticing. But, and that is a very big but, the price is too costly; it kills," said Captain Scott Evans, Chief of the Office of Boating Safety, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters.

"Why is it dangerous? It is like playing with a loaded gun," Evans said. He then noted, "Teak/Drag Surfing" entails individuals taking hold of the swim platform of a vessel while it is underway. After a large wake builds up, they let go of the platform and body surf. This puts the individual directly in the path of the vessel's exhaust where they breathe in dangerous levels of carbon monoxide. If that in itself is not dangerous enough, the individuals are also in a position that a slight miscalculation may throw them into a spinning propeller. "And, it doesn't stop there, Evans said, in order to "Teak/Drag Surf" you cannot wear a life jacket, the two do not go together. So, all this is a recipe for tragedy. A tragedy that the Coast Guard wants to see averted, and that is why we are re-issuing this alert."

TEAK/DRAK SURFING IS VERY DANGEROUS !

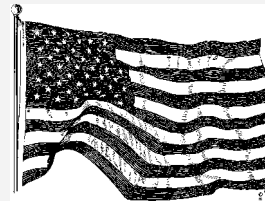
SAFE BOATING WEEK
18 – 24 MAY
On-Water Safety
is our Business!
Special Thanks to CIPS
members who
volunteered their time by
delivering Safety
Packets to Local Marinas
and spreading the
SAFETY Word!



BLESSING OF THE FLEET
SUNDAY, 9 JUNE 2002
FENTON'S MARINA
CITY ISLAND, NY

The Blessing of the Fleet is an old revered tradition which has been passed down from generation to generation originating in Sicily and as ancient as biblical times. This centuries Old Italian rite calls on Divine providence to safeguard ships and crews from the dangers of the seas, and was also to assure that fishermen would return to port with a bountiful catch. This Blessing was essential to commence the year's fishing expeditions and ensure the safety of the boats as they traveled to and from the harbor.

Come Join Us On The Water
For A Time Of
Reflection and Celebration



Multi-denominational clergy will bless vessels from the dock of Fenton's Marine with support and cooperation of the City Island Power Squadron and The Leonard Hawkins American Legion Post. Marine Radios should be turned to VHF 71 beginning at 1230.

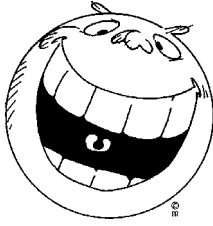


BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND...

THE IMAGES OF MOTHER

- 4 Years of Age My mommy can do anything
- 8 Years of Age My mom knows a lot! A whole lot!
- 12 Years of Age My mother doesn't really know quite everything!
- 18 Years of Age Mother – she's hopelessly old-fashioned
- 30 Years of Age Well, she might know a little about it.
- 45 Years of Age Before we decide, let's get mom's opinion
- 55 Years of Age Wonder what mom would have thought about it?
- 70 Years of Age Wish I could talk it over with mom.

SOME INTERESTING FACTS DID YOU KNOW...



It is impossible to lick your elbow.

A crocodile can't stick its tongue out.

A shrimp's heart is in their head.

People say, "Bless you" when you sneeze because when you sneeze, your heart stops for a mili-second.

In a study of 200,000 ostriches over a period of 80 years, no one reported a single case where an ostrich buried its head in the sand.

It is physically impossible for pigs to look up into the sky.

A pregnant goldfish is called a twit

In average, a human being will have sex more than 3,000 times and spend two weeks kissing in their lifetime.

More than 50% of the people in the world have never made or received a telephone call.

Rats and horses can't vomit.

The "sixth sick sheik's sixth sheep's sick" is said to be the toughest tongue twister in the English language.

If you sneeze too hard, you can fracture a rib. If you try to suppress a sneeze, you can rupture a blood vessel in your head or neck and die. If you keep your eyes open by force, they can pop out.

Rats multiply so quickly that in 18 months, two rats could have over a million descendants.

Wearing headphones for just an hour will increase the bacteria in your ear by 700 times.

If the government has no knowledge of aliens, then why does Title 14, Section 1211 of the Code of Federal Regulations, implemented on July 16, 1969, make it illegal for U.S. citizens to have any contact with extraterrestrials or their vehicles?

The cigarette lighter was invented before the match.

Thirty-five percent of the people who use personal ads for dating are already married.

A duck's quack doesn't echo, and no one knows why.

23% of all photocopier faults worldwide are caused by people sitting on them and photocopying their buttocks.

In the course of an average lifetime you will, while sleeping, eat 70 assorted insects and 10 spiders.

Most lipstick contains fish scales.

Cat's urine glows under a black light.

Like fingerprints, everyone's tongue print is different.

Over 75% of people who read this will try to lick their elbow.

DAD IS TOPS

What Makes A Dad

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,

The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,

The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,

Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it ... Dad

- Author unknown

Vessel Safety Check Days



CIPS VESSEL EXAMINERS ARE PREPARED TO INSPECT YOUR BOAT FOR THE 2002-2003 BOATING SEASON!

The Vessel Safety Program is offered as a service to the boating public to make our waters safer for all of us. USCGAux Vessel Examiners are volunteers and do not have law enforcement authority, nor do they report any boat safety defects to the Coast Guard or other organizations.

If your boat is at a marina, you can get a FREE Vessel Safety Check by making an appointment with any one of our Certified Vessel Examiners.

VESSEL SAFETY CHECK DECAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Display of Numbers
2. Registration / Documentation
3. Personal Flotation Devices (PFD)
4. Visual Distress Signals
5. Fire Extinguishers
6. Ventilation
7. Backfire Flame Control
8. Sound Producing Devices / Bell
9. Navigation Lights
10. Pollution Placard
11. MARPOL Trash Placard
12. Marine Sanitation Devices
13. Navigation Rules
14. State and/or Local Requirements
15. Overall Vessel Condition: as applies
 - Deck Free of Hazards
 - Electrical – Fuel Systems
 - Galley – Heating Systems

CIPS Certified Vessel Examiners Call for a FREE Vessel Safety Check

Gary Bieniewicz	(718) 828-1972
Nelson Font	(914) 968-2878
Heinz Laue	(201) 767-8264
Marie Milillo	(718) 792-5226
Peg Morton	(718) 792-2804
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Memorial Day



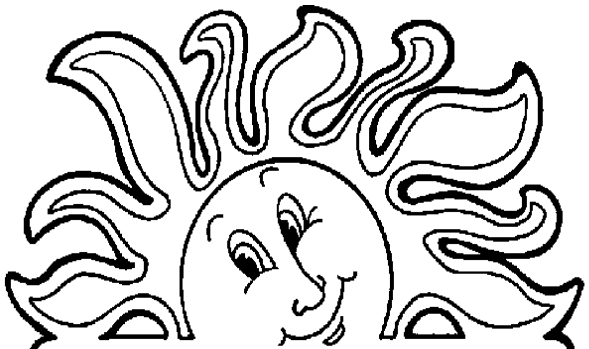
Memorial Day is much more than a three-day weekend that marks the beginning of summer. To many people, especially the nation's thousands of combat veterans, this day, which has a history stretching back all the way to the Civil War, is an important reminder of those who died in the service of their country.

We give thanks on Memorial Day that we live in a free nation and honor those who gave their lives for that blessing. Memorial Day is also called Decoration Day.

Annual National Moment of Remembrance, begun in 1997 on Memorial Day is a campaign to put "memorial" back in Memorial Day. All Americans are asked to pause at 3 pm local time, wherever they may be, to honor those who died for our freedom. The *National Moment of Remembrance* was formally established by an act of Congress (December 28, 2000).

"Your silent tents of green
We deck with fragrant flowers;
Yours has the suffering been,
The memory shall be ours."

~Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



Special Notes:

Mell wishes to thank those of you who attended and supported her Jazz Concert on 28 April. The Bishop was quite impressed and expressed his appreciation on behalf of the Church.

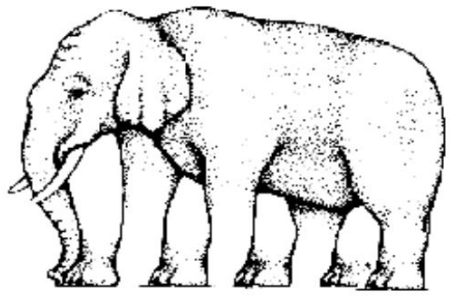
Thanks,
Mercedes Hill

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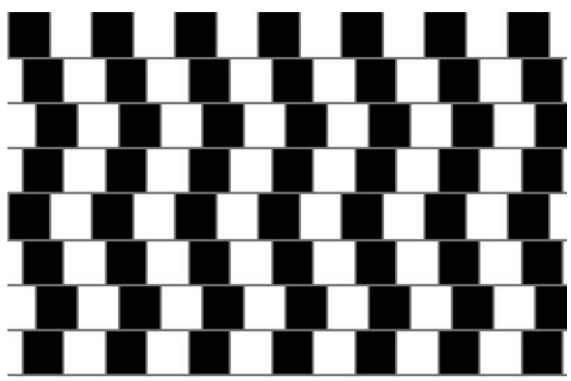
Thanks so much for the photos from your CIPS Change of Watch. It's so nice to have these pictures to remember the fun we had with our friends from the City Island Power Squadron.

See You Soon,
David and Jill Drummond

©



How many legs does this elephant have?



Are the horizontal lines parallel or do they slope?

OPTICAL ILLUSIONS

The 14 April edition of the New York Times featured City Island as a “Close-knit Waterfront Enclave in Bronx”. Sailors know City Island, a sliver of sand just off Pelham Bay Park in the Bronx, at 40 degrees 50 minutes 50 seconds north latitude and 73 degrees 47 minutes 13 seconds west longitude, as a convenient port of call at the end of the Long Island Sound just before it flows into the East River. Since the Siwanoy Indians traded there in the 17th Century, it has attracted clam diggers, yachtsmen, shipbuilders, sail makers and spectators. The only NYC neighborhood designated one of the 17 historic maritime communities along Long Island Sound, the island has more than its share of tall masts and is best known for its seafood restaurants.

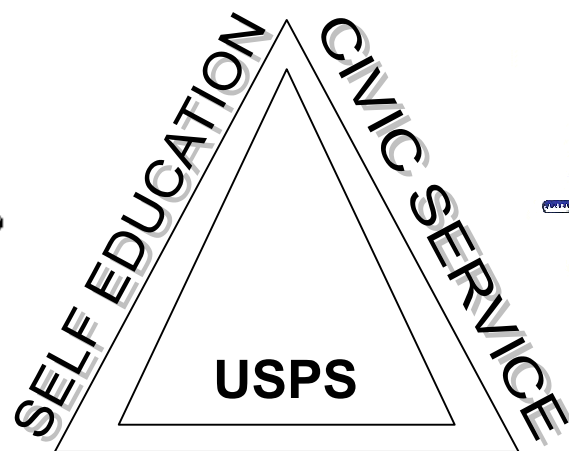
GOOD & WELFARE: *Let us remember in our prayers*

Jack Palmer - Audrey reports that Jack has finished his radiation therapy.
 Barbara Kaye – who was in a car accident , suffered a broken foot and is on the mend.
 Alexander Rublick – P/C Barbara Mandarano’s dad who passes away on 14 May
 Susan Garcia’s 33 year old sister who suffered a stroke
 ... And all those for whom we have been asked to pray

CONGRATULATIONS:

Richard Kunze – who has a 1st grandson, Nicholas and now 4 grandchildren
 Jeffrey and Suzanna Taylor – on their new SAIL BOAT – *LIGHT AIR*

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